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The Honorable Charles Terreni Chief Clerk of the Commission Public Service Commission of South Carolina Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re:

Petition of Donald A. Quick on Behalf of the Residents in Center Creek Community Requesting to Change or Add Additional Local Telephone Providers in Ridgeway, South Carolina

Docket No. 2006-65-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are the original and one (1) copy of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene Out of Time in the above-referenced matter. This document is an exact duplicate of the e-filed copy submitted to the Commission in accordance with its electronic filing instructions.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record with a copy of this document as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Patrick W. Turner

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cc: All Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO. 2006-65-C

IN RE: Petition of Donald A. Quick on Behalf of	the)	
Residents in Center Creek Community)	
Requesting to Change or Add Additional)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Telephone Providers in Ridgeway, South)	OUT OF TIME
Carolina)	
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Pursuant to S. C. Code Regs. 103-836, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") respectfully petitions the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") for permission to intervene as a formal party of record in the above-captioned proceeding out of time. In support of this Petition, BellSouth shows as follows:

- 1. BellSouth is a telephone utility that provides comprehensive telecommunications services within its established service territory in South Carolina.
 - 2. BellSouth's authorized representative in this proceeding is:

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- 3. Petitioners are currently being served by incumbent local exchange carrier Verizon South, Inc. ("Verizon") and are seeking "to change or add additional telephone service for [their] area." *See* Petition. The Petition and the materials that accompany it mention other service providers, including BellSouth.
- 4. On April 7, 2006, Verizon filed a Response and Motion to Dismiss the Petition.

 The Commission denied the Motion to Dismiss and held the Petition in abeyance so that the

Hearing Officer appointed by the Commission could investigate the matters alleged in the Petition and make recommendations to the Commission.

5. BellSouth's interest in this docket is very focused -- to the extent that the Petition could be read seeking to require BellSouth to provide service outside its existing service areas, it raises legal, regulatory, and operational issues that would impact BellSouth. BellSouth, therefore, respectfully seeks to intervene as a party of record in order to protect its interests regarding such matters, should they arise in this docket

6. Granting BellSouth's Petition will not cause undue delay, and it will not prejudice the rights of any party to this docket.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, BellSouth requests the following relief:

- 1. that it be allowed to intervene as a formal party of record in this proceeding by this Commission's granting its Petition to Intervene;
- 2. that any parties of record be directed to provide BellSouth with a copy of any pleadings, testimony and exhibits or any other filings made in this proceeding; and
 - 3. that the Commission grant such other relief as it deems just and proper.

 This 21st day of July, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	
)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)	

The undersigned, Nyla M. Laney, hereby certifies that she is employed by the Legal Department for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and that she has caused a BellSouth's Petition to Intervene Out of Time in Docket No. 2006-65-C to be served upon the following this July 21, 2006:

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